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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 12th August 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

From 01/04/24- 01/09/24, how many doctor shifts*, categorised by department and grade, have been covered by Physician Associates?

*Doctor shifts include any shifts covered by foundation doctors (FY1/FY2), locally employed doctors, core/specialist trainees and registrars. They may be described as 'F1 shifts', 'SHO shifts' or 'Registrar shifts'.

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust does not use Physician Associates to cover medical shifts.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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